(c) whether there is any plan to connect this port with BG line;

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be taken and completed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is already connected by BG line.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Appointment of Chairman of Railway Recruitment Board

450. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the present Chairman of the Railway Recruitment Board has been recruited after interviews by the Union Public Service Commission but have been appointed under the discretionary power of the Railway Minister;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such Railway Recruitment Board's Chairman can be appointed by the Minister for a maximum period of six months; and

(c) if so, the reasons for some of such Railway Recruitment Board's Chairman being given extension for further six months?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pending availability of regularly selected candidates through UPSC, vacancies of the posts of Chairman of Railway Recruitment Boards are filled up on adhoc basis either by Railway officers or by candidates who fulfill the eligibility criteria laid down for the same. Extension of such adhoc arrangement is given on a case to case basis. Keeping administrative exigencies in view and the likely time expected to be taken for filling up the post on a regular basis.

Incomplete Railway Projects

451. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Railway projects costing more than Rs. 100 cores that have not been completed as per their targeted time schedule alongwith the details of the targeted completion time of each of these projects;

(b) the details of the cost overrun in respect of the projects running behind their respective targeted time schedule. project-wise; and

(c) the details of the present position of the said projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) to (c)

List of Projects costing more than 100 crores where there is cost over run

S. No.	Name of Work New Lines	Cost		Target		Status
		Original	anticipated	Original	Revised	
1.	Jogighopa-Guwahati	427	635	12/95	12/98	The work is in progress. Delay has been due to technical problems in the foundation of 2 piers. Target for Jogighopa Goalpara-December' 97 and balance Dec.'98.
2.	Taicner-Sambalpur	220	337	12/95	12/97	Talcher-Angul and Sambalpur-Maneswar sec. have since been completed the balance work is in progress. Target to be completed within 97-98.
3.	Jammu-Udhampur	195	327	3/97	12/99	Jammu-Bajalta sec. completed. In the rest of the portion work is progressing and is likely to be completed by Dec' 99. There has been delay due to law and order situation and contractual problems.
4.	Guna-Etawah	158	256	Not fixed	03/02	Work is in progress. Guna-Khajuri & Panihar-Sanichare opened. Target for Khajuri & Sanichera-Bhind-Dec.'98.
5.	Godhra-Indore Dewas Maksi	297	597	-do-	Not fixed	Work in progress on Dewas Maksi section and would be completed by Dec.'99.
GAUGE CONVERSION						
6.	Guntur-Guntakal-Kalluru	216	367	12/98	12/98	Nandyal-Guntakal completed on 31.3.97. Remaining section by 31.12.98.
7.	Mankhed-Adilabad	108	110	12/96	12/98	The work has been taken up under BOLT and is now expected to be completed by March'98.

S. No.	Name of Work New Lines	Cost		Target		Status
		Original	anticipated	Original	Revised	
8.	Secunderabad-Dronachellam & Secundrabad-Bolarum	217	283	12/96	12/97	Work is in progress. Secunderabad-Bolarum and Secunderabad - Mehboobnagar have already been completed and balance target is Dec'97.
9.	Hospet-Hubli-Goa	408	522	12/96	03/97	The work has been completed.
10.	Gondia-Chandafort	159	215	12/96	3/98	Gondia to Nagbir 131 kms. has already been completed. For balance portion target is March'98.
11.	Madras-Trichy	200	300	3/98	3/98	The work is in good progress and targetted for 31.3.98.
12.	Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad	280	540	3/96	3/97	The work has been completed. The residual work in Sabarmati and Ahmedabad yard are in progress.
13.	Rajkot-Veraval	100	153	03/99	12/99	This work has held up due to a survey for diverting the line near the Gir forest. This work is now being taken up.
14.	Arisikera-Mangalore	186	219	12/98	12/98	Arisikera-Hassan section has been completed & commissiond on 20.8.96
Doubling						
15.	Sonenagar-Mughalsarai	139	230	3/96	12/98	Work is progressing well. 05 block sections have been completed and 04 more would be completed in 1997-98. The entire work is targetted for completion by Dec'98.
16.	Kuppam-Whiefield	108	105	12/99	12/99	The work has been taken between Kuppam to Whiefield & will be completed coming years.

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S.No.	Name of Projects	(Cost Rs. in crores) Original Sanctioned	Revised/ Sanctioned	Target Original	Revised	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	67	
17.	Design & Const. Dum Dum Tollyganj	140.30	1640.00	Dec. 1978	March 1998	Line opened to traffic on 27.9.95 and minor residual works are in progress.
18.	Extension of Rly. lines from Mankhurd-Belapur with a bridge across Thane creek and ancillary facilities on harbour branch.	132.15	440.87	-do-	-do-	Line opened to traffic in phases on 16.6.93. Residual works are in progress.
19.	Thane-Turbhe-Nerul/ Vashi Part of corridor No. 2 in Mumbai	403.39	—	3/2000	—	
20.	Belapur-Panvel Doubling of commuter line	279.83	—	-do-	—	Works sanctioned during 1995-96 and works under progress.
21.	Guardrupling between Borivali Virar	327.21	—	-do-		
22.	Seawood-Uran electrified double line	401.81	—	-do-	—	
23.	Construction of MRTS line from Madras Beach-Luz	108	259	03/94	8/97 (5.05 km)	Madras Beach-Chepauk is in operation since 16.11.95 in phases.
24.	Luz. Velachery	430.21	—	03/2000	—	Work sanctioned during 96-97 and works taken up in hand.
	Railway Electrification					
25.	Bokaro-Barsuan	195	—	3/97	12 /98	Due to failure of contractor.
26.	Sitarampur-Mughalsarai	287	—	3/98	12/99	-do-